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Editor's Notes —

We were pleased with the response that we made about subscriptions to In The Beginning, although there are a few who have not paid up.

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In the last issue of In The Beginning, we found that we had made some mistakes that we will try and correct. In one article about the Mathias Steiner family we give the name Edward when it should have been Edwin as it was with the picture. Also we had the name Albord when it should have been Alvord.

In the picture of the Yates Center High School girls basketball team we had the name of Helen Stange. It should have been Thelma Stange.

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Our cover picture of this issue is a building at the east edge of Toronto, on the road that U.S.-54 used to enter Toronto. It was built by John Crossfield to be used as a service station. Possibly about that time the highway changed. For quite a few years during the 1950's and 1960's, it was used as a blacksmith shop by a Mr. Thompson. During the 1950's, several government grain bins were erected across the street from this building.

Mr. Thompson just had so much room for the name on the front that he ended up with the work "Blaxmit". Mr. Thompson had been a blacksmith for several years in Colorado, before coming to the Toronto area. Mrs. Thompson was a sister of Mrs. Dennis Corkery of Toronto.

A prized possession that Mr. Thompson had at that time was a miniature walking plow that he had made while a smithy in Colo. The plow share was shaped just right as were the plow handles. The writer used to work man days across the road from this 'blaxmit' shop and occasionally would go across and talk to Thompson. The picture of Mr. Thompson and shop was taken in March, 1964.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Organized March, 1965

The regular meeting of the Woodson County Historical Society, March 22, 1983, at the 107 Inn, for a 6:30 dinner meeting. There were 51 members and visitors for the dinner. a splendid program was presented by the Rev. I.D. Rayburn, on his recent trip to the Holy Land. In many of the pictures Rev. Rayburn would tell what event and Biblical character was there. It was very interesting.

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The Woodson County Historical Museum is all decked out with a new asbestos shingle roof. Bob Town was the head carpenter. The old roof was badly swayed in places and new lumber was applied. This old roof had been built there about 105 years ago. That is the rafters and sheeting which were all native sawed lumber. It is quite an improvement. Kenneth Stockebrand, Pres. of the Historical Society with the building chairman Charles Lewis have spent many hours on this project.

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The Memorial meeting of the Historical Society was held the evening of May 25, 1983, at the Woodson House, where a buffet dinner was served to 50 members and guests were present. A Memorial service was given in honor of three members that have passed away since the last Memorial Day. The three members were, Wm. Jackson, 102 years; Leslie Stockebrand, 87 years and Iva Ashley, 91 years. Three members of the Historical Society gave short resume of the lives of three deceased members - Judy Linde for Mr. Jackson; Lester Harding for Leslie Stockebrand and Virginia Schornick for Mrs. Ashley. This was followed by a program on "Crosses". Mr. Ray Willson of Iola has a large collection of crosses of various sizes and shapes. He gave the history and comments of many of them.

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The opening of the Museum was started on May 29 and 30, over the Memorial Day Holiday.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Life Membership \$25.00

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Regular \$2.00 a year



We wonder just how many of our readers (or anyone else) would recognize this building without looking for the answer. This building was made of weathered native sandstone. By 'weathered' we mean the stones were not freshly quarried as they were soft that way. Some of the stones were picked up over the prairie and were weathered or hardened. The entrance on the north side has long been gone as has the cupalo on top. However, the brick chimney showing through the roof on the right hand corner is still on the building, though has not been used for years. We do not know the date of this picture, but the building was started in 1877 and was finished the following year. Hard to see is a board fence across the front of the picture with a board gate at the front entrance. The small building at the left is evidently a barn. On the right hand side looks like a larger barn probably a block or two south of the south end of this building.

There was no house to the east nor to the west side of the stone building as there was in later years. This was the first church building in the new town of Yates Center. We believe that Abner Yates donated two lots for this building and for a parsonage.

After the present Christian church was built this building was used by the Christian Science group, and later as a chicken hatchery. At different times it was empty.

In 1967, the Woodson County Historical Society purchased this building for \$2,000. It had been used as a chicken hatchery, there was about half of the upstairs being used with a stairway about the center of the building, no restroom and a 60,000 egg capacity incubator in the southwest corner of the building.

E.E. KELLY — Educator and Journalist.

E.E. which we believe stand for Ellsworth Eugene, was born in Warren County, Indiana, Sept. 13, 1861. He was the oldest of five children of Albert and Rebecca Kelley. Albert was a farmer by occupation and was a veteran of the Civil War. After the death of her husband Rebecca came to Kansas where she died in Yates Center in 1909.

E.E. Kelley grew up on the home farm in Warren Co., remaining there until he was eighteen. He secured an early education in the public schools and soon qualified for teaching school and spent eight years in that occupation in his home county of Warren.

In 1882 in Indiana, E.E. Kelley was married to Miss Lillie Sutton, daughter of F.M. and Elizabeth (Shanklin) Sutton, who lived at Toronto for several years where Mr. Sutton practiced his profession as a lawyer.

E.E. Kelley and wife came to Toronto, Kansas in 1887. Here he was principal of the local schools for six years. The following three years were spent as principal of the Chanute High School.

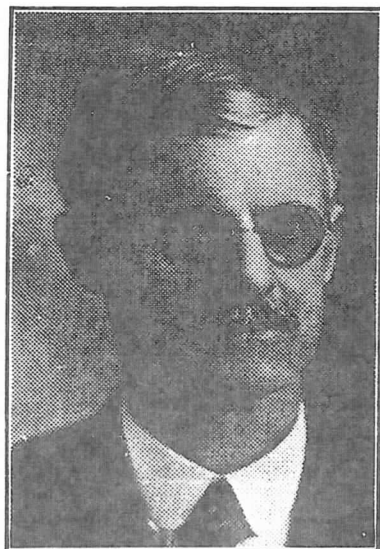
Returning to this county he was elected as Woodson County Superintendent of Public Instruction, for three successive years, starting in 1898. Mr. Kelley also wrote the history of the "Public Schools" of Woodson County and the history of Allen and Woodson County, published in 1901. Following this he was Superintendent of School at Neosho Falls. In 1909, Mr. Kelley returned to Toronto and in the fall of that year he purchased the Toronto Republican-Record, and changed the name to Republican. This newspaper had been started in 1883 as the Toronto Topic.

E.E. and Lillie Kelley were the parents of six children namely, Ruth, Marcia, Albert, Elmer Eugene, Thomas and Katherine. It was from Katherine that the editor got quite a lot of the information for this story. Katherine married Porter Powell, and they live in Garden City. She has taken "In The Beginning" from its beginning and is also a member of the Woodson Co. Historical Society.

Mr. Kelley served as president of the Kansas Editorial Association in 1914. In 1919, Mr. Kelley became the assistant state printer and moved to Topeka, where he shortly began writing the "Kansas Grass Roots" column for the Topeka Capital. In 1924, the Kelleys sold the Toronto Republican, and that same year they bought the weekly Garden City Herald and the family, Mr. Kelley, Mrs. Kelley, two sons Eugene and Tom

and daughters, Ruth and Katherine, worked on the paper. The family managed the paper until 1919, when it was merged into a daily.

Kelley then retired from the publishing business but continued to send in the Grass Roots column until shortly before his death.



E.E. Kelley died January 31, 1940. Three years later he was honored by having his framed picture added to the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The Hall of Fame was begun in 1931 and Kelley's picture was the 24th one put there. One of the rules of the Hall of Fame is that no newspaper man may be elected until at least three years after his death. The Hall of Famer is elected by the Quarter Century club who is made up of men who have associated with Kansas newspapers for at least 25 years.

Recently this editor purchased a book entitled "The Heritage of Kansas", with the first copyright in 1960, and the last re-print in 1975. In this book is a story, "There Little Boy and His Pa", written by E.E. Kelley. The introduction tells some of the life of E.E. Kelley, and parts of the story leads one to believe that the little boy in the story was the author himself.

This short story was first published in the "McClure's Magazine" of June, 1900. The "Kansas Grass Roots" column written by Mr. Kelley for the Topeka Capital were widely read for several years.

In the October, 1982, No. 60 issue of In The Beginning was the story of the F.W. Mulsow Family. The oldest of the Mulsow children, John H. Mulsow had written a story when he was 81 years old (1954), telling of his grandfather Samuel Jeramiah Reel, (that is partially given here). Reel was nicknamed (Jerry).

My Uncle Oscar Richards was constable of Eudora and Daniel Kraus was city marshall. They heard that Quantrell and his Missouri ruffians were on their way to Lawrence to raid the town. After Marshall Kraus saw smoke of the buildings that were burning on their way, he rushed to the block house, calling to people on the way. He asked who would go with him to Lawrence to warn them. My grandfather, Jerry Reel, a good friend of his volunteered, so he ran to saddle his black mare, "Crow", a product of old Kentucky. Also another friend of Kraus and Reel, Casper Marfellus, determined to accompany them on the perilous ride. They soon spurred forward into the darkness of the night with their faithful message. There was a cheering goodbye from a little knot of men. These men realized the seriousness of their undertaking.

The road these men took and the one Quantrell took converged as they neared Lawrence and united a short distance from Lawrence. A risk of capture by the Quantrellians was possible; their only hope was to beat them to the road junction. Well, they knew it was to be no pleasure trip, the eight miles dash in the dead of night with every spring of their horses bringing them nearer a murderous foe. The trio started, Reel and Marfellus drew into the lead. Krauses horse appeared sulkey and a spell of bucking caught him unaware, causing him to fall off and was injured. The other two rode on thinking the marshall would soon catch up, as they had no time for delay. Side by side Reel and Marfellus sped along in the starlight which was not sufficient light to reveal the dangerous road. The darkness grew less, a tree could be seen now and then. A treacherous stumble and the black mare and her gallant rider dashed headlong to the ground. Mr. Marfellus drew reins and rushed to assist his comrade, but my grandfather Reel was destined never to bear his message, as he lay senseless and wounded beneath the body of his horse. Marfellus forced the horse to its feet, and that was the first he realized that Mr. Kraus was not following. Mr. Marfellus could not leave his friend lying on the ground at the mercy of night prowlers so went to a farmhouse for help. My grandfather was taken to the house but died the following day. Thus ended in sad defeat and death, the attempt to warn Lawrence of Quantrell's raid.

My mother, Mary J. Reel was only twelve years old, but remembered well how she carried her three-day old baby brother, and with her step-mother went to look for her father, Jerry Reel and received the sad message of his death. In an unmarked grave in the old Pioneer Cemetery at Eudora, now the potter's field sleeps the man who gave his life in the vain attempt to save Lawrence.

ODDS and ENDS —

Yates Center, News — May 22, 1896, under the heading of COOKVILLE - Last Thursday night as Charles Ball who is staying with Mr. Reed and farming his place, came home from prayer meeting he was seized by about 15 masked persons who dragged him out on the road and gave him 20 lashes at the hands of the mob. Ball was given one day sunshine to leave for parts unknown.

It seems Ball had been treating Mr. Reed badly and had been given a weeks notice before but he did not heed. On Saturday Ball hitched a team to the buggy and drove to Yates Center with Miss Lucy Reed and were married, and now living peaceable at their home.

Gerhardt Wesche was tried before Justice White, Wed. upon the charge of "whitecapping" Charles Bail of New York Valley. About 29 others were implicated, five of whom were indicted, but held over till District Court. The result was a hung jury.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED by County Supervisors, 1865
John Tomilson - Witness in Lyon County District Court in a case - State of Kansas vs. George West - 2 days attendance @ \$1.00 a day = \$2.00. 140 miles @ .10 = \$14.00.

Isiah Rogers - Same.

Ruben Daniels - Same.

JANUARY 13, 1913 - Roy Mertz recently received a carload of Studebaker Automobiles. He has them all sold and has three more big shipments ordered. He has sold machines to the following recently, W.J. Stange, Dr. H.W. West, Henry Peters, Lauren Conger, V.S. Cantrell.

APRIL 11, 1913 - J.C. Schnell has purchased the plumbing and gas fitting of Patterson and Patterson, who are retiring from the business. Mr. Schnell will occupy the Johnson building on the north side of the square lately vacated by the bowling alley.

THE JOSEPH MANIFOLD FAMILY —

A family that had a great deal to do with the community life of Finney and vicinity and Liberty township were the Manifolds. Joseph Henry Manifold was the only son of Beale and Orella Manifold was born at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, March 24, 1844. The fore part of his life was spent in Indiana.

On February 22, 1868, Joseph H. Manifold and Margaret S. Stewart were married at Dunkirk, Indiana, where they resided till 1873 when they moved to Kansas. Coming to Woodson County they first lived on a farm somewhere near the old Byron, Dist. No. 1 school, nine miles north and a mile or so west of Yates Center.

Here they lived until purchasing 160 acres of raw prairie land in the northwest quarter of section 31, Twp. 23, R. 15. On this quarter section they built a fine home and raised their family.

Margaret S. Stewart was born July 17, 1850, at Munroe, Ohio. Her parents were William and Lydia Stewart. A brother Ben F. Stewart also came to Kansas, settling in the Finney community. (Story in Vol. 14-No. 55)

The quarter section of land the Manifolds purchased was raw prairie land and they set about making a homestead of it as all of the land along streams had been taken. Like many other pioneers the making of a home on the prairie of Woodson County was quite a struggle for a while.

On one occasion, Mrs. Manifold was alone on the homestead when a prairie fire coming across the prairie was threatening the cabin. A stranger came by and stopped to help her but she had no water. But she did have a barrel of vinegar. This was opened and Mrs. Manifold getting a blanket, soaked it in the vinegar and the stranger backfired around the cabin and other buildings using the vinegar-soaked blanket to whip some of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Manifold were the parents of four sons and 2 daughters, one of them dying in infancy. The other daughter was Celia. The four sons were George, Will, Bert and Harry.

The Joe Manifold family all attended and took an active part at the Finney M.E. Church. Also in all other civic affairs of the community. After retirement age Joseph and Margaret Manifold sold their farm to their youngest son Harry and they moved to the old basement house along the east bank of Turkey Creek seven miles north and 2½ miles west of Yates Center. The writer can still shut his eyes and see Joseph Manifold with his white hair and beard as he would sway back and forth in his hammack, under the shade of the large oak



Joseph H. Manifold and Margaret S. Stewart - Feb. 1868

trees along Turkey Creek. The west door of the basement house opened on the level with the creek bank only a few feet away, and was very handy for him to fish.

The children of Joseph and Margaret Manifold were: daughters, Celia and Ethel. Celia married A.L. Dutro; Ethel who died in infancy. Four sons, George who married Miss Nellie Arnold Dec. 25, 1899. They moved onto a farm in the Finney vicinity. Here their six children were born; Gladys, Letha, Lucile, Florence. In January, 1917, twin boys were born to them. The twins lived for about two weeks, one dying one day and the other the next day.



Orilla
Died 1901 - Age 78

(Manifold)

Beale
Died 1902 - Age 82

Gladys married Harley Klock. They were the parents of two daughters; Maxine and Alverta, a son called Buster. After the death of Harley Klock Gladys married Ray Baxter.

Letha was married to Arthur Stockebrand. Their children were Wanda, who married Benjie Green, and Arthur Wendall, who married Lorraine Murphy.

Lucile married Ernest Miller, their children were Jane and Datha.

Florence married Floyd Storer. They had one daughter Sandra. Florence died in 1958 at the age of 45 years.

James Bert Manifold was born in 1873. He was married and had one son Maurice. Who would spend many of his summers at the home of his grandparents along Turkey Creek. Maurice died rather young.



Lola (Rayborn) and Harry Manifold

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Will Manifold married Jessie Stocker in 1905. They had no children. Will died in 1956. At the age of 100 years Jessie Stocker Manifold is still living in a nursing home.

Harry Manifold married Lola Rayborn, Nov. 17, 1907, they were the parents of three daughters, Thelma, Ruby and Fern.

Thelma married Forest Weston, Dec. 22, 1935. They had two sons, Allen and Donald.

Ruby married Gordon Cooper, Dec. 24, 1934. They had two daughters Judy and Janet.

Fern married Wayne Finch in 1936. They had two sons, Duane and Jim.

JASPER TERRELL —

Occasionally we want pictures for our stories but at the time we have none. Then perhaps some pictures will come to us weeks or months later. We are going to use some of these pictures as we go along.

Jasper Terrell was born in Ohio in 1861. His parents were Matthew and Isabell Greybeal Terrell. He was the 4th child of nine children of Matthew and Isabell. Jasper was seven years old when the family came by covered wagon to Kansas and Woodson County where Matthew Terrell homesteaded 80 acres a short distance south of Duck Creek, N.W. Woodson County.

Jasper was about nine years old when his mother died at the birth of her ninth child Arminda. This was in 1870. After the death of his second wife in 1877, the Terrell home was broken up. Jasper was about 16 at this time and had probably started out on his own.



Jasper Terrell and wife Delilah. "The Yates Center News of August 2, 1933" - Jasper Terrell was shot and killed August 2, 1933 near Sedan, Kans. while he was hunting squirrels.



John T. Owens, "The Armless Wonder", his wife Mathilda (Tillie) Fry Owens and their oldest daughter Dora. In Vol. 16-No. 62, we told the story of John T. Owens and his ability to overcome the handicap of having been born without any arms. We had no picture at that time, and so will put it in this issue.

Owens was evidently born at Fruita, Col., and was born without any arms. His parents made no difference between him and his six brothers. The Owens family would travel in a wagon similiar to the old medicine wagons. As they traveled over the country giving shows with Owens playing his violin and shooting his rifle and other demonstrations that many men with two arms cannot do. He also could write with his toes.

WILLIAM STANGE FAMILY —

Wm. Stange (Sr.), was born in the province of Hanover, Germany. Here he worked at the carpenter trade until 1852, when he came to America, and worked in New York City for five years. In 1857, Stange started west, stopping in Chicago for a while. Here he saw an advertisement in a Chicago paper telling of the free land in Woodson County, Kansas. Wm. Stange with his brother Henry came on to Woodson County.

Mr. Stange first located on Cherry Creek where he secured a pre-emption claim. It was probably here that he met and married Miss Augusta Pribbernow, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Christian Pribbernow came here from Prussia in 1867, and settled on Owl Creek. Their marriage was in June, 1868. Two sons were born to them, William C. and Henry Carl, perhaps better known as Charley.

Wm. C. Stange was born near the settlement of Lomanda about eight miles northeast of Yates Center, along Cherry Creek, on March 30, 1869. When he was about three years old he moved with his parents to a farm along Owl Creek in Sec. 16, 25-16, five miles east of Yates Center. This was in 1872. Here he grew up and attended the local schools. He was married to Clova Robinson, 5-16-1895. They had one daughter Helen Stange. Helen was married to ---- Pennington, they had a son Billy Pennington. Helen was listed as an ariplane artist. Both Helen and her mother have been dead for several years.

In 1941, Wm. C. Stange and his brother Charley, who never married and were living on the home farm five miles east of Yates Center, moved into Yates Center where he lived rest of his life.

In the meantime Mr. Stange had been working on a "World Government Plan", and continued with this for quite some years. Along with this was his proposition of "United States of the World", the plan as outlined is printed here. This pension plan of Wm. C. Stange was sent to 2,000 libraries, in 50 different countries. The writer saw a paper with the names of three libraries the pension plan went to - Public Library, London, England, Public Library, Moscow, Russia and Public Library, Paris, France.

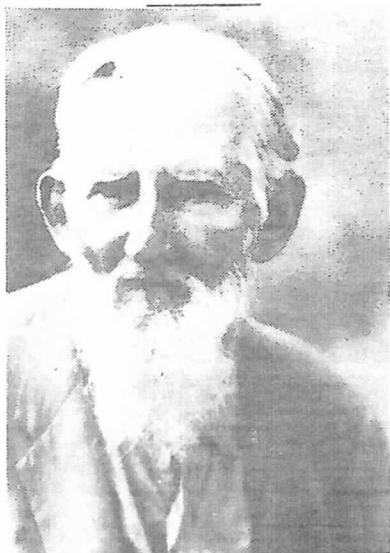
Mr. Stange spent much time and money sending out the literature about the pension plan, with requests for people to write to him, signing the pension plan. He received hundreds of letters from various foreign countries, but his plan never seemed to get off the ground floor.

For several years Wm. C. (Bill) Stange was a familiar figure around the square of Yates Center. Winter and summer he always seemed to be wearing the same old overshoes.

World Government Pension

YATES CENTER, KANSAS, U. S. A.

All the trouble in the world is caused by fear of Hunger. The People of the world have ability to produce more food than they can use. The purpose of the pension plan is to protect all unfortunate people in the world. People must have food and shelter every day so they will not need to beg or steal. That is why this pension will be paid to you every day, every week, ever month or whenever you ask for it. If the average daily per capita income of all the people in the world proves to be five dollars per day, your pension will be one dollar per day. If your income is one dollar per day your income tax will be twenty cents per day. If your income is ten dollars per day, your income tax will be two dollars per day. If your income is one thousand dollars per day, your income tax will be two hundred dollars per day. Men, women and children of all ages are invited to copy the PETITION on writing paper in their own handwriting, sign it and mail to William C. Stange, Yates Center, Kansas, U.S.A.



William C. Stange

Yates Center, Kansas, U.S.A. March 30 1950.

PETITION:— We, the undersigned ask the Lawmakers of every nation, in the World, to help make the United Nations a World Government. We, the undersigned ask the World Government to print money and use it to pay a daily Pension to every man, woman and child in the World, a sum equal to one-fifth of the average daily per Capita income of all the people in the World, and to Levy a uniform individual income tax to retire the printed money, and gradually to repeal all other direct and indirect tax laws until the income tax is the only tax.

NAME— William C. Stange, U.S.A. AGE— Born March 30 1869.

POST OFFICE— 202 East Washington Ave., Yates Center, Kansas, U.S.A.

United States of the World

FIRST. All the nations of the earth must form themselves into "the United States of the World."

SECOND. The government of "the United States of the World" shall be a dual government, in which the Citizens shall owe their allegiance to the states (nations) in which they live and likewise to "the United States of the World."

THIRD. Each State (nation) retains its sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right which is not expressly delegated to "the United States of the World" which like ours, becomes a government of delegated powers.

FOURTH. The government of "the United States of the World" shall be a republic and not a pure democracy: i. e., a representative form of government, in which the citizens shall elect their representatives to legislate for them.

FIFTH. The government shall be divided into three separate and distinct branches, the power of each to be specifically limited by the provisions of the constitution—viz the legislative, executive, and judicial departments.

SIXTH. With our Constitution as a model, all the legislative power shall be vested in a Parliament of "the United States of the World" consisting of a senate and house of representatives, the members of which bodies shall be elected by popular vote by the citizens of the respective states (nations) and possess the qualifications prescribed in the constitution of "the United State of the World."

SEVENTH. The executive power shall be vested in a president of "the United States of the World." And a vice president shall also be elected and their qualifications, manner of election, preferably by popular suffrage, and duties, to be prescribed by the Constitution of "the United States of the World."

EIGHTH. The Judicial power of "the United States of the World" shall be vested in one international court, the members of which shall be appointed by the president and their appointment confirmed by the senate, their number, tenure of office and duties and powers to be ordained by the constitution of "the United States of the World."

NINTH. The parliament of "the United States of the World" shall be clothed with all necessary power of government.

TENTH. The government of "the United States of the World" shall preserve peace throughout the world and maintain an army and navy sufficient for that purpose and the several States (nations) shall be limited to such armed forces as may be necessary to enforce law and order within their respective borders.

People of all ages who are in favor of "a United States of the World" are invited to write WILLIAM C. STANGE, YATES CENTER, KANSAS, U. S. A.

ODDS and ENDS —

1905 - Keck - To whom it may concern-Wanted, by a member of the Anti-Poke-your-nose-into-other-peoples-business-Society, a person at a salary of \$500 a year, with a periodical increase to \$1,000, to mind their own business and let other peoples business alone around Kecktown. Signed Valentine.

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Riley, James. Born Rochester, New York, 1847. Died Jan. 21, 1910. In 1873, married Anna Connolly in Indiana. Seven children, Mrs. Wm. Murphy, Mrs. B.F. Sicka, Frank, Edward, Willie and Leo.

James was born at Oxford, Ind. Laura (Mrs. Murphy) born at Oxford, Ind. Mae, (Mrs. Sicka) born at Piqua, 1883.

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Susannah Fry, born Sept. 19, 1843, Ohio. Died May 15, 1906. Married W.H. Kay, May 15, 1867. Children, Geo. E., Albert W. and Mrs. Maude Sheachs. W.H. died June 22, 1881, Kays wife came to Kans. in 1870 moved to Y.C. in 1876. One of the first three families in Yates Center.

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Dec. 30, 1904-Advocate - New skating rink-Bert Taylor has leased Apollo Hall for a year and purchased a fine outfit of rubber tired, ball bearing skates. Grand opening June 2. The Winner Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion. Use of the skates will be 10 cents an hour.

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Farmers Advocate, Yates Center, August 13, 1897 -

We had the pleasure last Monday of witnessing the Deering Corn harvester on Mr. Stockebrand's farm northeast of town. It cuts and binds the corn and does excellent work and the draft was light on the team. Mr. Stockebrand will put up about 100 acres with this machine.

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The Citizens State Bank opened for business Aug. 1897. The first name for this bank was the State Savings Bank. Officers were, President, J.H. Gunby; Vice Pres, J.K. Demoss; Cashier, E.A. Runyun; J.H. Gunby, Assistant Cashier.

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Aquilla E. Shepard, married Josephine Marie Guy, Jan. 19, 1910, by Rev. E.W. Spencer. His parents Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Shepard. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Guy, all of Liberty.

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Feb. 16, 1939 - August Krueger has a double celebration. He was married 41 years ago and has been in business around the square for 41 years.

YATES CENTER NEWS, Sept. 27, 1900 —

Where is James A. Ray?

The people in the neighborhood of Jarret Daniel and O. Fentermaker's in Belmont are considerable worked up over the discovery of a box of goods which had been hid away under the creek bank in an obscure place near Mr. Fentermakers. The box contained a man's shirt, a couple of dresses for women, a tablet and some letters and alot of small trinkets. The letter's were addressed to James A. Ray and were from Kentucky where it seems he used to live.

Mr. Ray is known in Belmont township and is married the second time, but his present wife, it is reported is living with another man near Middletown. Ray was last seen by parties in that neighborhood about the first of June and had this box in his posession at that time. As he disappeared from view since that time people are wondering what became of him. The finding of the box make them think he met with foul play. At any rate they notified the sheriff who with the county attorney and deputy sheriff, I.E. Bartlett and a representative of the News went out there Saturday Afternoon and looked over the grounds. The people thought that Ray might have been murdered and thrown into Big Sandy Creek and the officers made a careful search with grab hooks in the vicinity where the box was found but no discoveries.

The officers have written to the Kentucky address to see if they can get any trace of Ray.

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YATES CENTER NEWS, August, 1919 —

Saturday p.m., August 9, D.F. Sellers and Son completed a circuit of threshing, about 2½ miles square wherein they threshed almost 11,000 bushels of grain - mostly wheat. The job was done 12 days, without any accidents or stop for repairs. The same bunch of men following the machine.

Mr. Sellars and son R.D. gave an ice cream treat Saturday evening at the home of W.J. Agnew. The ladies of the neighborhood supplied cakes, hot coffee and candy.

Most of the wheat sold from the machine was bought by Ray Cummings and hauled by the Naylor Truck Co.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY — Woodson County, Kansas. 1936-1937. Under the Jurisdiction of Carmen Whaley, County Superintendent.

Dist. No.	Pupils	Enrolled	Dist. No.	Pupils	Enrolled
1	Byron	9	44	Oakland	9
2	Askren	14	45	Stony Point	7
4	Oak Grove	8	46	Clear Springs	5
Jt. 4	Prairie Rose	3	47	Defiance	9
5	Owl Creek	7	48	So. Maple Grove	10
6	Spawr	9	49	Finney	8
7	Punkin College	6	50	Phelps	9
9	Carlisle	9	52	Lily	10
Jt. 11	Philmore	5	53	Excelsior	6
12	Dry Creek	13	54	Dutro	10
14	Cherry Creek	9	55	Bayless	8
15	Durand	11	Jt. 56	Stone	10
16	Kalida	4	57	Keck	10
17	Rose	4	58	Belmont	9
18	Pleasant Valley	10	Jt. 59	Bell Racket	2
Jt. 19	Big Sandy	8	Jt. 60	Little Sandy	7
Jt. 21	Mound Valley	13	61	Goodale	14
22	Prairie Flower	8	62	Cope	11
23	Otter Springs	15	63	Oil Glen	26
24	Hope-Well	11	65	Parallel	7
25	McClannahan	21	66	Lovett	6
26	Plum Creek	9	67	Possum Trot	10
27	Piqua	14	68	Liberal Hill	10
28	West Buffalo	13	69	Cedarvale	13
29	Blume	19	70	Harmony	9
30	South Star	12	71	Prairie View	10
31	Mt. Pleasant	12			
32	Clay Bank	11			
33	Center Ridge	14			
34	North Star	9			
35	Pleasant View	10			
37	No. Maple Grove	13			
Jt. 38	Pleasant Hill	13			
39	New York Valley	13			
40	Flower Hill	14			
41	Peck	10			
42	Fairview	4			
43	Nikkeltown	16			
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Grade and High Schools					
			Jt. 3	Toronto Grades	105
				High School	112
			8	Neosho Falls Grade	90
				High School	63
			20	Vernon Grades	25
				High School	21
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Average Enrollement for 1936-37					
			Rural Schools		9.8
			Grades		73.6
			High Schools		65.5

WOODSON COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY — 1936-1937

Dist. No.	Teacher	Experience	Dist. No.	Teacher	Experience
1	Letha Stockebrand	6	Jt. 56	Francis N. Klick	13
2	Geraldine Wilson	1	57	Bernice Brown	1
4	Carol Tidd	2	58	Roy A. Stevens	4
Jt. 4	Dorothy Hadaway	1	59	Hazel Old	4
5	Clarable Mabe	2	Jt. 60	Thelma Mozingo	10
6	Mrs. Ethel Hodge	28	61	Nellie Manifold	18
Jt. 7	Lotta Yowell	1	62	Katherine Lewis	13
9	Evelyn Curtis	5	63	Mae Turner	12
Jt. 11	Doris Draper	3		Bertie Swilley	5
12	Nadine Rhea	1	65	Margie Englebrecht	18
14	Elleen Heffern	1	66	LaVerne Woolaway	2
15	Ester Watts	15	67	Laura Pauline Fisher	1
16	Laura M. Ruth	1	68	Mary Ann Sanders	2
18	Mary E. Kirby	4	69	Barbara Schooling	7
Jt. 19	Elizabeth Steele	7	70	Fred Kenison	1
Jt. 21	Faye M. Hart	2	71	Marjorie Cole	5
22	Nora Hess	1			
23	Marjorie Stearns	2		Grade and High Schools	
24	Wilma Sherwood	1	Toronto - Jt. 3		
25	Melba Frevert	8	Carl James		8
26	Mildred Heffern	3	Edith Fuhlhage		9
27	Magdelen Wille	2	Ruby Lee Nelson		8
28	Emma Brownrigg	12	Rosemary Roberts		1
29	Frances Moyer	2	M.L. Carter		3
30	Velma Salsbury	1	Byron J. Beloof		2
31	Deane Campbell	1	Myrtle De Vilbiss		6
32	Wallace Robson	10	Ellen Kirby		6
33	Dorothy Brock	3	Josie Cooper		11
35	Millie Thomas	11	Veda Petty		11
37	Edna Ritterhouse	18	Eva Conner		12
Jt. 38	Walter Robertson	13		Neosho Falls - Dist No. 8	
39	Hilda Thomas	5	Clarence Dodds		18
40	Lila Woodside	2	Carmen Shoemaker		2
41	Frances Evans	9	Gerald O. Heiser		1
42	Ruenella Duncan	1	Anna Mae Harris		4
43	Gladys Peek	10	Mark Pedigo		10
44	Wilma Roberts	5	Delyte Fry		9
45	Florence Fuhlhage	12	Irene Salsbury		3
46	Edna Mae Weide	8	Thelma Palmer		14
47	Lottie Mabe	2		Vernon Dist. No. 20	
48	Elsie Brown	1	Pauline Lynn		3
49	Leota Mulsow	7	Marjorie Tannahill		6
50	Clara Watkins	12		Vernon High School	
52	Cleo Theobald	7		Dist. No. 1	
53	Freida Bolen	6	Luther A. Brickey		9
54	Katherine Thomas	3	Frances E. Wallingford		1
55	Mabel Toedman	15			

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